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WEATHER.

Eastern Oregon and Washington—Fair.
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PLEASE EXPLAIN!

Some days ago, in dealing with the possibility of Hill's north-bank railway being extended to Frankfort, opposite this city, the Portland Oregonian (inadvertently, of course), stated that the line would, if completed, carry with it to its terminals there, the common-point rate on wheat. We would like to have the same paper tell us why, if that is the right and logical consequence of building a railway down the Columbia, the city of Astoria, which has had a railway for the past eight years, is still denied the advantage? The widely-proclaimed interest of Portland in things down this way is largely responsible for this inquiry. Again, in view of the recent contention of the same paper that it is a precept of commercial life that the ship must be taken to the cargo, and not the cargo to the ship, we respectfully ask, if the Hill lines are brought to the lower Columbia, why should the sea-going, wheat-carrying tonnage that enters here go to Portland to load? And again, if the rule quoted is what governs railways, as well as shipmasters, what is the ratio of cost, as between sending wheat to the mouth of this river on a water-level railway grade, and sending a huge ship 100 miles inland after the same wheat? Is not the bill of expense overwhelming in favor of the shipment from here?

ASTORIA'S TWELFTH EFFORT.

The assurance is given that the twelfth annual regatta about to be pulled off in this city, is to be a genuine and worthy affair, with every element of amusement and attraction programmed that is within the radius of the the committee's purse-strings. We are glad of the assurance and will do all in our power to make it good to the tens of thousands that will come to our gates for entertainment and recreation on the two last days of August and the first day of September. Bring on your program, gentleman! That is what tells the story of Astoria's splendid success as a regatta city!

POOR VALPARAISO!

It looks as though the world would be called on once more to open its great heart and illimitable purse, in behalf of the stricken capital of Chili. Earthquake and fire, loss and damage, suffering, are stalking forth through the streets of that beautiful city and will leave it in ashes as was its sister of the north last April. And while one is trying to figure the scope of this new disaster, it may be well to remember that the population of Valparaiso is not wholly Latin, but that tens of thousands of American, English, French and German people are residents there and have been for years. We are hoping there will come mitigating reports of the dreadful visitation and that the anticipated sum of misery will fall short of what is implied in the despatches to date.

It pays to read the advertisements of enterprising home merchants. They are the people who make a town a trade center. You should remember that they bring the conveniences, necessities and many of the luxuries of life right to your door and as a rule sell you honest goods at a small profit.

EMPTY CIGAR BOXES.

Few merchants are aware of a new law which went into effect last July. One merchant in a nearby city is already grieving on account of his ignorance of the law to the extent of a heavy fine that was imposed upon him. Heretofore it had been customary to scratch the stamp of a cigar box, and if he so desired, give it away or do with it as he should see fit, so long as the stamp was destroyed. But this is no longer the case. The merchant or dealer must destroy the box immediately after the cigars are gone. He must at once remove the box from the case and break it up. The law may sound queer, but be sure that it is heeded or you will be caught before you know.—Ex.

NOT TOO MUCH HURRY.

An Illinois parson believes in the efficacy of speed rather than prayer. He advocates the madness of it and says the world doesn't go half fast enough for him and that too many preachers think they are still in the middle ages, while the fact is Providence has sent the means of doing more in one year than our grandfathers accomplished in ten. All of which may be true. Yet grandfather was a much happier man and more agreeable to his fellow creatures for not being in such a hurry; with rapid living comes discontent, restlessness, that is very upsetting to unfortunate who must stick to their last and thereby accomplish a certain amount of labor in order to live at all.—Boston Herald.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The pay roll of the New York police department contains 8827 names.

Milk sells at from 20 to 30 cents per quart in the Panama canal zone.

Neither male nor female convicts in English prisons are permitted to see a mirror during the period of their incarceration.

The kicker is sure to meet with lots of criticism and abuse, but it is well to remember that it is better to kick than to be kicked.

The largest shark ever captured was pulled in at San Pedro Bay, Cal., recently and measured 32 feet in length and weighed 14,000 pounds.

The only meats that plump dames should not eat are pork and veal.

A Chicago girl succeeded in throwing a baseball 204 feet, and that is throwing some, and if you don't believe it try it yourself.

If a fellow is really in love he will do more fool things than will the girl. In a love affair the girl always shows the more sense.

The cure for obesity is to so change the diet as to cease to take on new fat and to work off the superfluous tissue by exercise. Indolence is the sure fat builder. Sleep is another help.

Never answer advertisements that promise to pay you \$30 a week for sitting home, doing nothing! Save your stamps and your common sense. The post office hasn't cornered all the frauds yet!

An editor commenting upon ladies raising their skirts when upon the street says this: "Grove girls raise their skirts while walking, and it is all right as far as we can see."

It remains to be seen what action President Roosevelt will take in the matter of the Tennessee colored woman to whom six babies were born a day or two ago. Des he believe in encouraging that sort of thing?

Just think of the heartlessness of those school trustees at Wilkesbarre, Pa., who have made a rule that no teacher in the public schools shall commit matrimony during the school year. Will President Roosevelt approve of this stab at "race suicide"?

Don't look on the bright side of anything. Don't permit yourself to see good in anyone. Don't have any charity for your erring brother or sister. If you have any of the milk of human kindness in your heart curdle it in some way. Believe that all men and women, too, are liars and the truth is not in them. Find fault with your fellow man. Say mean things about your neighbor, envy her, hate her; seek your own, scrap if you don't get it; think evil; rejoice in iniquity; endure nothing; believe nothing; and if you are not completely miserable and unhappy it is because you have not yet quenched the last vital spark of love in your being.

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HOPS ON ADVANCE.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., August 17.—Hops are still advancing, and yesterday a raise to 18 cents was made, with buyers asking growers for a refusal on their crops until tonight at 20 cents per pound. Less than a month ago hops were a drug on the market at 10 cents a pound, and few were being purchased at that price. The condition of the English crop is responsible for the increase in prices.

HELD FOR EXAMINATION.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 17.—The examination before police Justice William J. Delaney and Joseph F. Ullman, William J. Mackin and May Blumenthal, who were arrested in the Bridge Whist Club, and charged with being common gamblers was held yesterday. They waived examinations and were held for the grand jury. Each gave bond of \$500. The five croUPIERS were held in \$250 bail each.

Corsets, waistbands, abdominal repressors, waist stocking supporters, two-piece underclothing or two-piece suits of any kind should not be worn by girls or women. This is the opinion of Dr. Abby Shaw Mayhew, assistant professor of physical training at the Wisconsin State University. Miss Mayhew is delivering a series of lectures at the summer session of the university on health and hygiene of women.

The dressmakers complain that girls' waists are considerably larger than they used to be, but the boys claim that they can get around the difficulty just the same.

Mrs. Newly Wed (hesitatingly)—I would like to give you something from our dinner, but, but— Beggar—Oh that'll be all right, mum, I have the stomach of an ostrich.—Lustige Blatter.

A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me" writes John N. Pleasant of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c at Charles Rogers drug store.

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Mrs. Mary Dumgardner, of 424 Water street, Salem, Oregon, says: "I have found Doan's Kidney Pills a remedy that is worthy of all confidence and am pleased to endorse them so that other sufferers from kidney complaint may know how to get relief. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills and several members of our family have used them with the most gratifying results. I took them myself for a tired aching back and a dragging down feeling that comes from irregular and deranged kidneys. The results were of the best. The aching and soreness was banished and the kidneys were rendered normal. My health became better in every way."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

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REPORT SEEMS INCREDIBLE.

NEW YORK, August 17.—A special to the Herald from Magnolia, Mass., says: Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador, last night said that he had never heard of Mlle. de Smernoff, mentioned as the victim of cruelties by the Chevaliers in St. Petersburg.

He says the Chevaliers are the mounted guards and carry swords only; that the report seems incredible as it mentions the use of horse whips. He says the Chevaliers are not Cossacks but belong to a different branch of the service.

"Phew, the heat! And the thirst I get! The sun simply snatches the money out of my pocket."

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APPEARANCES

Often a person is sized up by his appearance; by the tone that surrounds him. And more often a business house is sized up by the stationary it uses. A cheap letter head or a poor bill head gives a mighty poor first impression and makes business harder to transact. Good printing costs no more than poor printing. The first impression is half the battle in business. You wouldn't employ a "sloppy" salesman; why put up with "sloppy" stationery, that gives a wrong impression of the importance of your business. Let us do your printing and help you to make that ten strike.

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